



Bureau of Land Management  
Lake Havasu Field Office  
2610 Sweetwater Avenue  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406



<b>Categorical Exclusion Assignment, Review and Approval</b>				<b>NEPA Number:</b>		CX-AZ-330-05-0005			
				<b>Date:</b>		February 28, 2005			
				<b>Sub-activity:</b>		1430			
				<b>Case/Project No:</b>		AZA-25979			
<b>Name of Project:</b>		Amendment of Mohave Electrical Cooperative's Inc.'s Buried Electrical Line				<b>Type:</b>		Right-of-Way	
<b>Location (legal description)</b>		T.	19 N	R.	22 W	<b>Section:</b>		10, NE,	
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<b>Applicant (s):</b> Mohave Electrical Cooperative Inc.									

**Description of Proposed Action:** Mohave Electric Cooperative Inc. (MEC) filed an application to amend its underground electrical right-of-way (ROW) AZA-25979. Their amendment requests an additional length of 1,600 feet, with a width of 16 feet. These dimensions equal 0.59 of an acre. They propose to bury a 14.4 Kv electrical line within a schedule 40 conduit. They propose to conduct all of their work within the proposed ROW area.

MEC's current ROW provides electricity to the City of Bullhead's (City) wastewater treatment plant (Plant). The City has started the expansion of this facility and they have requested MEC to provide them with additional electric to service their new equipment. All of MEC's proposed amendment occurs within the City ROW (AZA-24103) for the Plant.

The existing ROW expires on February 6, 2042. The amended ROW will expire on the same date. The grant for the existing ROW allows BLM to renew the grant if requested by MEC. The grant for the ROW amendment will also have this option.

<b>Categorical Exclusion Reference 516 D, 6. Appendix 5.4:</b>	E. (12)	<a href="#">(BLM Categorical Exclusions List)</a>
Grants of rights-of way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.		

<b>Department of the Interior 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for a review of the following categorical exclusion criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project:</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2.1	<i>Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.</i>		X
2.2	<i>Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.</i>		X
2.3	<i>Have highly controversial environmental effects.</i>		X
2.4	<i>Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.</i>		X
2.5	<i>Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</i>		X
2.6	<i>Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</i>		X
2.7	<i>Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.</i>		X
2.8	<i>Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</i>		X
2.9	<i>Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.</i>		X
2.10	<i>Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</i>		X

**The proposed project conforms to the following BLM Management plans for the area:**

- 1 ) Yuma District Resource Management Plan approved in 1986

**List existing NEPA Documents relevant to this Action:**

- 1 ) EA-AZ-050-00-38  
2 ) CE-AZ-050-92-16

**Describe site specific consultation and coordination with other agencies and affected interests:**

Bullhead City Engineering Department  
US Army Corp of Engineers

Technical Review:					
Critical Elements /Specialty	May Be Affected		If May affect / Mitigations Assigned	Signature Name/Title	Date
	Yes	No			
Air Quality		X			
				C. Bodman	
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern		X			
				Specialist	
Cultural Resources/ Paleontological Resources		X			
				Sarah Murray	
Environmental Justice		X			
				Specialist	
Farm Lands (Prime or Unique)		X			
				C Bodman	
Floodplain		X			
				C. Bodman	
Native American Religious Concerns		X			
				Sarah Murray	
Threatened or Endangered Species		X			
				Mark Howell	
Wastes, Hazardous or Solid		X			
				Cathy Wolff-White	
Water Quality, Drinking or Ground, Water Rights		X			
				C. Bodman	
Wetlands/Riparian Zones		X			
				Mark Howell	
Wild and Scenic Rivers		X			
				Jill Miller-Alert	
Wilderness		X			
				Jill Miller-Alert	
Invasive & Non Native Weeds		X			
				Mark Howell	
Lands/Realty		N/A			
				Maria Rosalez	
Law Enforcement		N/A			
				Brian Pittman	
Operations/Engineering Review		N/A			
				Mike Henderson	
Recreation		N/A			
				Myron McCoy	
Visual Resources Management		N/A			
				Myron McCoy	
Soils/Minerals		N/A			
				C. Bodman	
Wild Horses/ Burros		N/A			
				Cindy Barnes	

Range		N/A			
				Cindy Barnes	
Health & Safety		N/A			
				Bill Perry	

**Review:** *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

### **SIGNATURES**

**Prepared by:** /s/ Maria Rosalez

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Lead**

**Review by:** /s/ Pat Taylor

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor**

**Decision:** *Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, has determined that this decision or action conforms to the land use plan, that none of the 10 exceptions apply, and that therefore neither an EA nor EIS is needed, The decision or action will be implemented subject to the stipulations attached to the authorizing document.*

**Approved By:**

/s/Mike Henderson

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acting Field Manger, Lake Havasu Field Office**

### **Stipulations**

- 1 ) The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination within the authorized limits of the right-of-way (ROW).
- 2 ) Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on behalf of the holder, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder could be responsible for the cost of the evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.
- 3 ) The holder should keep the ROW free from all debris and garbage.

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility (Program or Employee):**

Lake Havasu Field Office Realty Staff

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**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: (Program or Employee):**

Lake Havasu Field Office Realty Staff

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